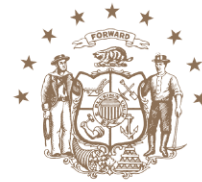




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REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS TRY TO COVER UP PUBLIC EDUCATION BUDGET MISSTEPS

MADISON – This afternoon, Speaker Robin Vos along with Republican legislators held a press conference to discuss budget cuts to public education. During this press conference, Rep. Vos announced that Republicans would use an accounting trick to backtrack on part of their proposed cuts to public schools.

Representative Sondy Pope (D- Cross Plains), ranking member of the Assembly Committee on Education, released the following statement in response to the press conference:

“I’m surprised to see Republican legislators suddenly stating their support for our public schools. It’s as if Republicans have forgotten that their own actions put our schools so far behind. They cut public education by \$1.2 billion in the last budget. They proposed this budget’s \$127 million in cuts to education. And now our schools are suffering through the impacts of their bad budgeting.

“Backtracking won’t help our schools, and it surely won’t fix the problem Republican legislators created. For our students to be successful, we can’t afford stagnant funding. Republican legislators need to make our students a priority and undo the damage they’ve done by investing in public schools.

“I refuse to – and don’t think any Wisconsinite should – let Republican legislators pat themselves on the back for throwing remaining crumbs at our schools. Our schools, students and taxpayers deserve better than legislators who would use their money to pad a presidential campaign before providing a sufficient education to their children.”

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